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BLM Plans Prescribed Burn on Iron Mountain Fire To Eliminate Pinyon-Juniper Growth

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES – Crews from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will start fires May 3-4 in extreme northwestern Sierra County to improve grassland, according to Amy Lueders, BLM-Las Cruces field office manager.

An approximately 12-member crew plans to burn about 400 acres to reduce pinyon-juniper encroachment on Iron Mountain about 6 miles north of Winston.

The crew will use handheld drip torches to ignite the fire, and two fire engines will be on site, according to BLM Fire Technician Ryan Whiteaker. The ignition phase will take about a day. The BLM fire crew will remain on site for at least one more day to ensure that fires are burnt out, Whiteaker said.

Smoke from the fire may be visible from Winston and along Highways 59 and 52.

The BLM manages about 13 million acres in New Mexico. The Las Cruces field office is responsible for about 5.4 million of those acres in six southwestern New Mexico counties.

Additional information about the burn May 2-3 at Iron Mountain is available by calling Whiteaker at 505/525-4300.